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Dear Major Anderson:

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As you will recall at the time that [redacted] and I visited you in Omaha, we promised to send you some examples of the type of map intelligence and collection guidance material that is being produced by this Division in support of efforts in the Community to collect topographic maps and geodetic data on the Sino-Soviet Bloc. A selection of the material is enclosed for your information. You may retain or destroy it. A collection guide on Communist China similar to those attached is in preparation. The target analysis on Hungary is representative of those produced on all Bloc countries. There are many other items that have been produced; however, these will give you a general idea of the direction of our efforts.

In connection with some of your targeting problems, I would like to call your attention to some Russian publications called "Opisaniye Lists," which date back to 1926 or 1927. The publications individually bear a sheet number for a 1:400,000 topographic map and contain lists of points on each sheet along with a considerable amount of topographical description. We have about twenty of these sheets in our collection. We do not know how many of the 1:100,000 sheets of the USSR are covered by the lists or whether they would be of any value to you. A sample copy of one sheet is attached. Copies of this material have been on file at the Army Map Service for many years.

Photographs of thirteen sheets at 1:25,000 of East Germany are also enclosed for your information. The quality of this material is very poor; however, this is the best that could be done under the circumstances. Copies of these sheets have been transmitted to Army Map Service and to AFM for ACIC. You will note that the airfield at Gross-Dorn, a target of interest to the Air Force, is recognizable on one of these sheets. If you have any comments on the usefulness of this information, they would be appreciated.

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I have recently returned from TDY in Europe where I visited, among other places, Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary. Now that I am back in Washington I would very much like to discuss the entire problem of collecting Soviet Bloc maps with you and others in your Division. I hope that it will be possible for you to visit us in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

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